Development of Mumbai and Delhi airports

2906. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for developing Mumbai and Delhi airports to the international standards has been sent back to the Ministry of Civil Aviation with a rider to make them first as independent companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Lokayukta for tax-related complaints

†2907. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint Lokayukta for quick disposal of tax-related complaints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to reduce the number of tax related forms to streamline the tax system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) A proposal to create the Institution of Income-tax Ombudsman for effective redressal of taxpayers' grievances is under consideration of Central Government.

(b) Details of functions and powers of the Ombudsman are under examination of the Government.

(c) Rationalization and simplification is an ongoing process. The Income tax Rules, 1962 are amended from time to time to, *inter-alia*, reduce the number of tax-related forms.

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